

Remarks

Claims 1-8 and 21 are currently-pending, and claims 9-20, 22 and 23 are cancelled, as shown on pp. 2-4 of the Reply. No claims have been amended or added. No new subject matter has been added. Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application, and allowance of the same, is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Decision On Appeal / Claim Amendments

On July 6, 2009, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences issued a Decision on Appeal ("Decision") for appeal number 2009-004471, which was filed for the instant application. The Decision affirmed the rejection of claims 9-20, 22 and 23 in the Final Office Action dated March 3, 2008 ("March 2008 Office Action") while reversing the rejection of claims 1-8 and 21 in the March 2008 Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants' representative submits herewith a listing of claims cancelling claims 9-20, 22 and 23. Applicants' representative submits that independent claim 1 (and dependent claims 2-8, which depend from independent claim 1) and independent claim 21 are currently-pending, and are in condition for allowance. Applicants' representative respectfully requests notification that the instant application has been passed to allowance.

Conclusion

If any additional fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [MSFTP1835USA].

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